

59TH LEGISLATURE—REGULAR SESSION

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT—  
MEMBERS OF ARMED SERVICES—  
VOTING

H. J. R. No. 38

Proposing an amendment to Section 2, Article VI, Constitution of the State of Texas, to omit the requirement that members of the armed services vote only in the county in which they resided at the time of entering the service.

*Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:*

Section 1. That Section 2, Article VI, Constitution of the State of Texas, be amended by deleting the following language:

"Any member of the Armed Forces of the United States or component branches thereof, or in the military service of the United States, may vote only in the county in which he or she resided at the time of entering such service so long as he or she is a member of the Armed Forces."

The text of this Section is shown below, with a broken line through the sentence which is to be deleted:

"Section 2. Every person subject to none of the foregoing disqualifications who shall have attained the age of twenty-one (21) years and who shall be a citizen of the United States and who shall have resided in this State one (1) year next preceding an election and the last six (6) months within the district or county in which such person offers to vote, shall be deemed a qualified elector; and provided further, that any voter who is subject to pay a poll tax under the laws of the State of Texas shall have paid said tax before offering to vote at any election in this State and hold a receipt showing that said poll tax was paid before the first day of February next preceding such election. Or if said voter shall have lost or misplaced said tax receipt, he or she, as the case may be, shall be entitled to vote upon making affidavit before any officer authorized to administer oaths that such tax receipt has been lost. Such affidavit shall be made in writing and left with the judge of the election. The husband may pay the poll tax of his wife and receive the receipt therefor. In like manner, the wife may pay the poll tax of her husband and receive the receipt therefor. The Legislature may authorize absentee voting. And this provision of the Constitution shall be self-enacting without the necessity of further legislation. ~~Any member of the Armed Forces of the United States or component branches thereof, or in the military service of the United States, may vote only in the county in which he or she resided at the time of entering such service so long as he or she is a member of the Armed Forces.~~"

Sec. 2. The only purpose of the amendment proposed in this Resolution is to make the aforesaid deletion. The adoption of this amendment shall not be deemed to have the effect of readopting the remainder of the Section, and if any other amendment to this Section, being for a different purpose, is adopted at an earlier election or at the same election, the adoption of this amendment shall not be construed as nullifying the change made by such other amendment.

Sec. 3. The foregoing Constitutional Amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of this State at an election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1966, at which election all ballots shall have printed on them the following:

"FOR the Constitutional Amendment to allow members of the Armed Forces who are residents of Texas to vote."

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"AGAINST the Constitutional Amendment to allow members of the Armed Forces who are residents of Texas to vote."

Sec. 4. The Governor of the State of Texas shall issue the necessary proclamation for the election and this amendment shall be published in the manner and for the length of time required by the Constitution and laws of this State.

Sec. 5. If the foregoing amendment is adopted, the proclamation of the Governor declaring the adoption of the amendment shall set forth the full text of the amended Section, as amended herein and by any other proposed amendment which is submitted by the 59th Legislature and which has been duly adopted prior to such proclamation.

Adopted by the House on March 2, 1965: Yeas 143, Nays 2; passed by the Senate on May 20, 1965: Yeas 29, Nays 0.

Signed by the Governor June 2, 1965.

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## PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT— HOSPITAL DISTRICTS—DISSOLUTION

H. J. R. No. 48

Proposing an Amendment to Article IX of the Constitution of the State of Texas, providing the method and manner for dissolution of hospital districts created under Article IX of the Constitution.

*Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:*

Section 1. That Section 9, Article IX of the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended to read as follows:

"Section 9. The Legislature may by law provide for the creation, establishment, maintenance and operation of hospital districts composed of one or more counties or all or any part of one or more counties with power to issue bonds for the purchase, construction, acquisition, repair or renovation of buildings and improvements and equipping same, for hospital purposes; providing for the transfer to the hospital district of the title to any land, buildings, improvements and equipment located wholly within the district which may be jointly or separately owned by any city, town or county, providing that any district so created shall assume full responsibility for providing medical and hospital care for its needy inhabitants and assume the outstanding indebtedness incurred by cities, towns and counties for hospital purposes prior to the creation of the district, if same are located wholly within its boundaries, and a pro rata portion of such indebtedness based upon the then last approved tax assessment rolls of the included cities, towns and counties if less than all the territory thereof is included within the district boundaries; providing that after its creation no other municipality or political subdivision shall have the power to levy taxes or issue bonds or other obligations for hospital purposes or for providing medical care within the boundaries of the district; providing for the levy of annual taxes at a rate not to exceed seventy-five cents (75¢) on the One Hundred Dollar valuation of all taxable property within such district for the purpose of meeting the requirements of the district's bonds, the indebtedness assumed by it and its maintenance and operating expenses, providing that such district shall not be created or such tax authorized unless approved by a ma-